A Hue and Cry,

AFTER THE

Observator's Honesty.

O Yes. O Yes. O Yes. Can any Man, Woman or Child, tell any Tale or Tidings, of a little Child call'd, the *Observator's Honesty*?

It has fair Hair, light Eye-brows, of a clear Complexion, and about three years Old.

It has been lost, ever since he first belong'd to the Victualling Office, and could never be heard of, from that time to this. He went to live there, on purpose to fatten his Carcase; but finding some Oppertunity to make advantages to himself if he had no such Brat belonging to him, for the sake of Unlawful Gains, soon turn'd the poor Babe a Graz[illegible], and sent it to seek its fortune in the Wide World; where through his own wilful Negligence, and that of his Party, it has never since been heard of.

There were some honest Gentlemen indeed, about the Time that he made a great Bustle in his said Place, that Enquir'd after it, in a private Manner, but that would not answer their Ends; for it could not be found.

Afterwards, when he set up for a pnblick Intelligencer, and pretended to tell his superiours of supposed Faults: There was another enquiry made; but all to no purpose. And the Child had been lost so long, that there was but one Man could tell, that he ever had such a thing belonging to him. Every body else said it was impossible. that he who railed at his Superiours, traduced and Slandered every body else, that lay in his way, should ever entertain such a thing.

And indeed, the Party who knew of it, said, that he had not done it at all, but finding it in the Street, and perceiving it in good Apparel, thought it might turn to his Advantage to keep it; and that People would take him for somewhat more, than he really was. But finding his Expectations balked, turn'd it out of Doors again as he found it: And it is supposed by some, that he, or some of his own Kidney may have Murdered the Child, or that at the best it is Kidnapped, and sent to some Foreign Plantation, And if it be not found upon this publick Enquiring, it is resolved by some who wish him more good than he does himself, to send over as publick Orders to some in all the Parts of the *East* and *West Indies*, to search for it, and send it back again: It being neither Just nor Reasonable, that a Man, especially so publick, and well known as he is, should live without it.

But if after all, it cannot be found. neither here, there, nor any where else, (as it is to be fear'd it cannot) It is no great hardship put upon him, if the World thinks he has made it away; And so it is intended, that he shall be prosecuted for the same, in due time, after the Enquiry's are over, and in due form of Law; and it is thought it will be a hard matter for *J—n T——n* amongst all the Old Statutes that he produces upon frivolous and ridiculous occasions, to find any or one single One that will indemnify him for murdering his Honesty, If he can, he had best look it out against the time comes; and it may not only be of good use to himself, but may also be of excellent service to a great many more of his own Party, against whom the same sort of Indictment will shortly be prefer'd.

Now that those who are at the charge of finding it out, (which certainly must be a great deal, because it has been lost so long; and by this time is grown out of knowledge, of All but himself; who though he makes great Pretences thereto, it is feared will not own it; and of one more who is so Old that he can scarce see it without Spectacles) This is to give Notice to the finder or finders thereof, that if they bring it to the place commonly call'd *St. Stephens Chappel*, several worthy Gentlemen there will highly reward them for their Pains: The finding of it, being like to be of so much Advantage to the Publick, that they would not loose such an opertunity of serving the Nation by such a Prospect, for a much greater Value than the Reward propos'd.

And if any body in some Remote part of this Kingdom should find it, that cannot spare time, to bring it up to the Place aforesaid; let them send Horse and Man with it to the G—l P—st Office in the Metropolis of *England*, and they shall have full Satisfaction, for their Trouble and loss of Time.

And if it can neither be found in *England*; *Scotland*, *Ireland*, nor in the *East* or *West Indies*, it is resolved, (rather than the Poor-man shall live all his time without it) to send over to all parts of Europe, except *France*, where we have no sort of Correspondence; Nay, if a Peace should happen; and we cannot find it, we will enquire there also: But if it cannot be heard of in the places aforesaid; it is concluded upon to send into all parts of *Asia*, and from thence to *Affrica*; for it is thought by some he may have truck'd it away for a *Negro*.

If after All this Search it cannot be found, it is resolv'd (as I said before) to prosecute him for making away with that which every body besides himself, and his ungodly party, would have been glad to have seen Live, and Thrive. But it may be said of them, as it is said of somebody else, that by such People ———— *Probitas laudatur & Alget.*

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